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IRELAND.



I'LL ONLY BE A MOMENT. I HAVE BISCUITS--SOMEWHERE.

I USED TO STOP BY AND CHECK ON YOU EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE. YOU WERE LITTLE. YOU WOULDN'T REMEMBER.

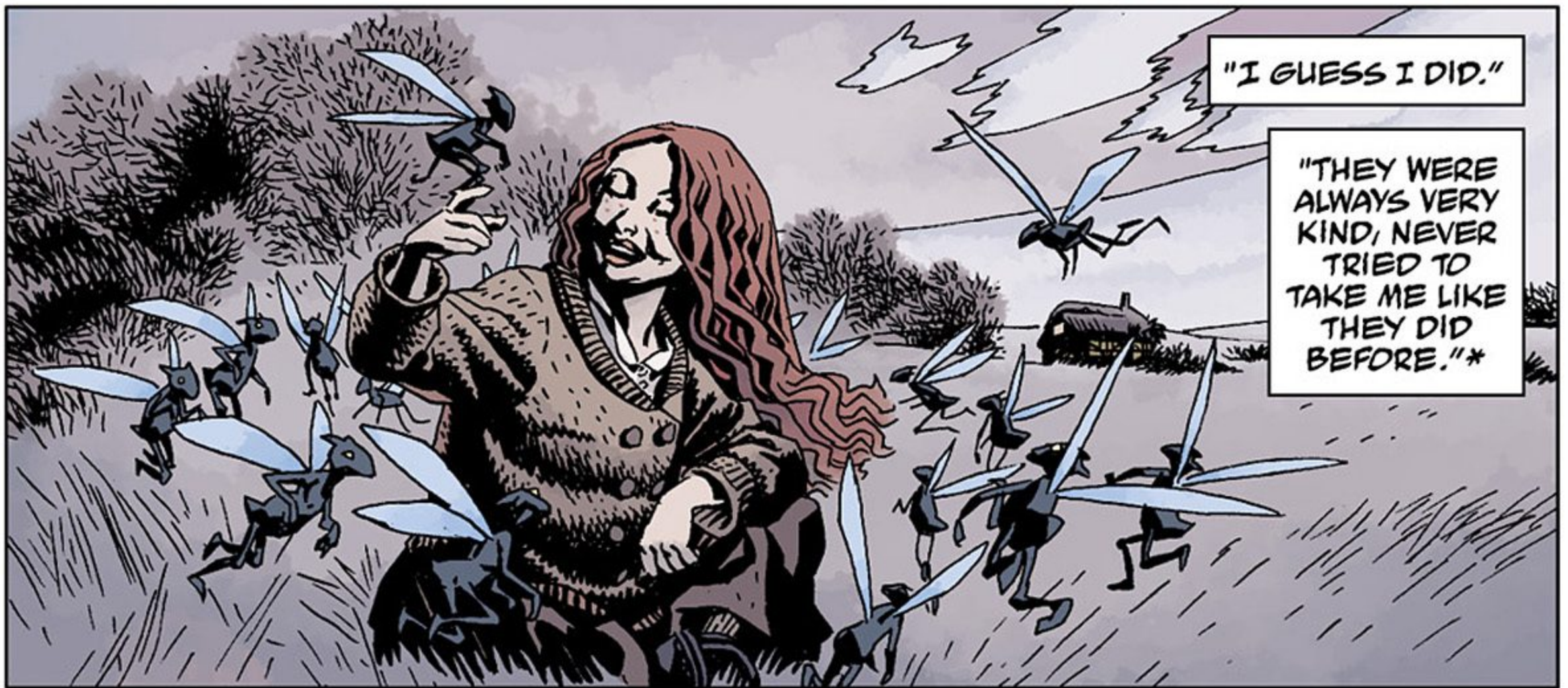


I REMEMBER.

SORRY ABOUT YOUR FOLKS. I LIKED THEM.

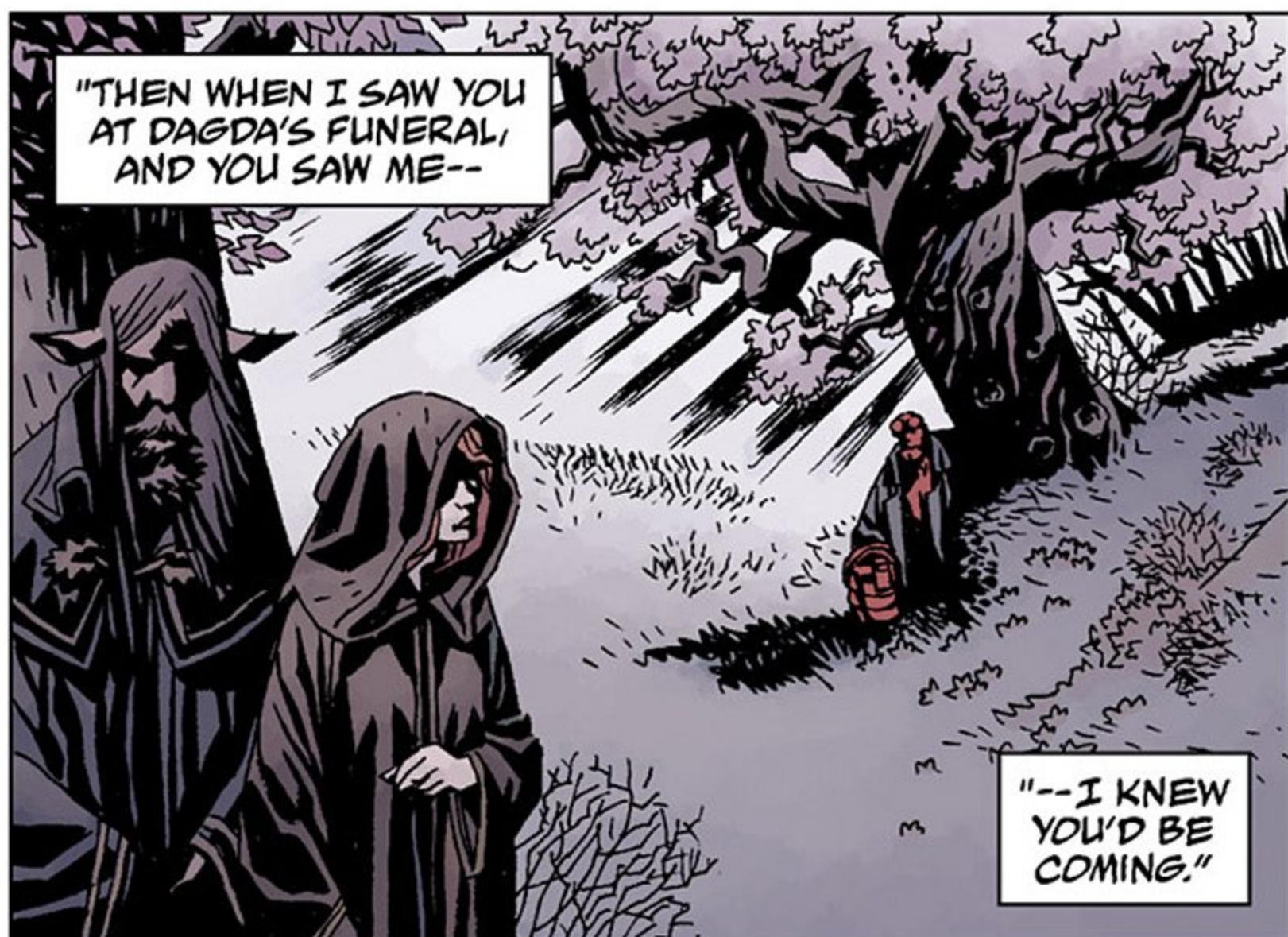
THEY LIKED YOU.

COME AND SIT.





I SUPPOSE I'VE
BEEN WAITING
FOR YOU.



"THEN WHEN I SAW YOU
AT DAGDA'S FUNERAL,
AND YOU SAW ME--

"--I KNEW
YOU'D BE
COMING."



I THOUGHT
THAT WAS A
DREAM.

CAN YOU TELL THE
DIFFERENCE ANY-
MORE? I CAN'T.



IT'S FUNNY THAT I
RECOGNIZED YOU.
I HADN'T SEEN YOU
SINCE YOU WERE
A LITTLE KID.



MUST BE
MAGIC.

I
GUESS
SO.



MAYBE IT'S VANITY--
BUT I DID THINK YOU'D
COME SOONER.

YEAH,
WELL...





WELL...
BETTER
LATE THAN
NEVER.



YEAH.



NOW YOU'RE
PROBABLY
WANTING SOME-
THING STRONGER
THAN TEA, AND
MAYBE THERE'LL
BE TIME FOR
THAT LATER--

--BUT
NOW WE'VE
GOT TO BE
GOING--



TIC TIC TIC



"WE DON'T
WANT TO
KEEP HER
WAITING."



WHERE ARE
THE WITCHES OF
ENGLAND?



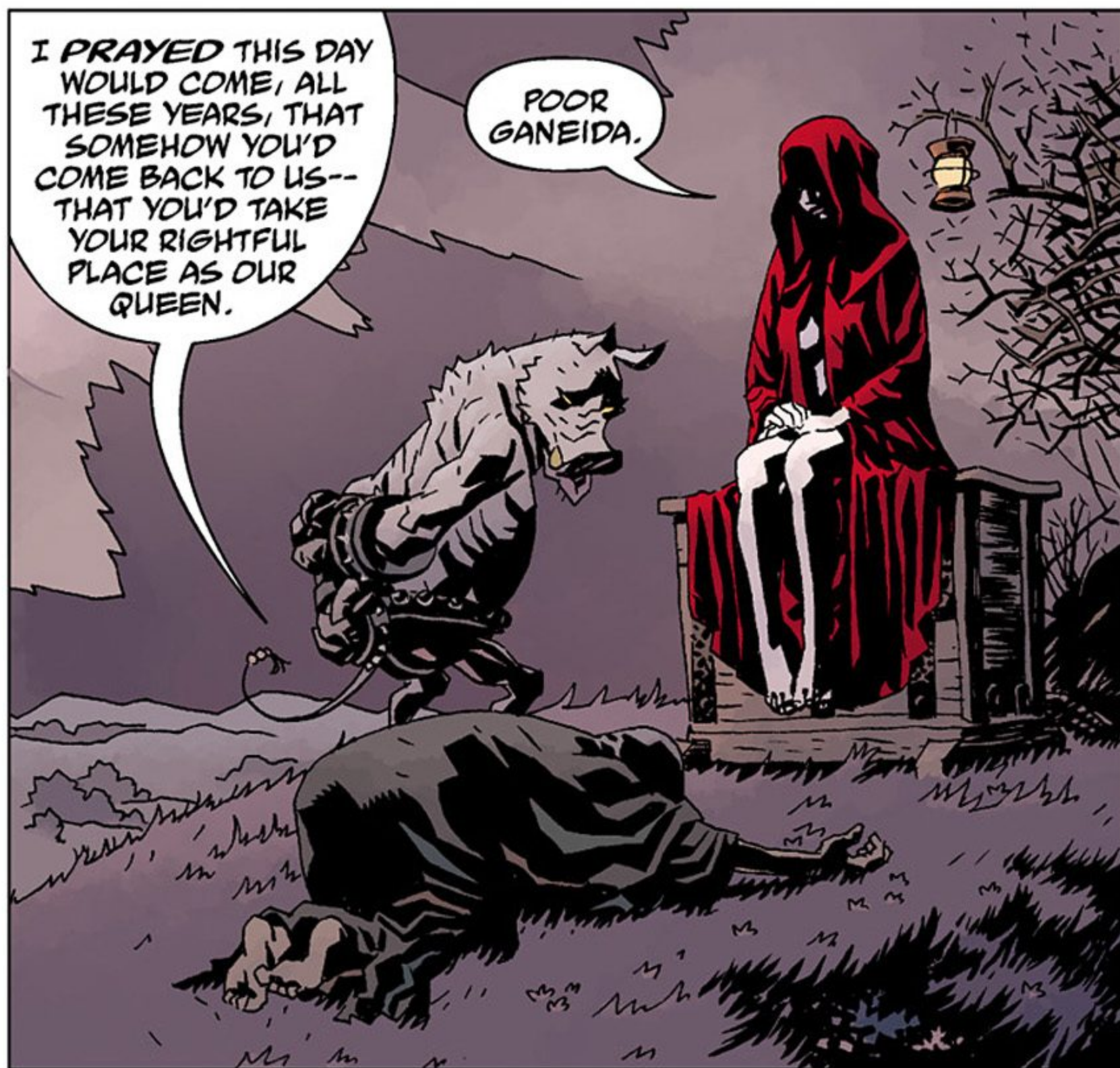
HALF ARE DEAD.
DROWNED. THEY THREW
THEMSELVES INTO THE
SEA WHEN THEY HEARD
YOU HAD COME BACK.
MOST OF THE REST
ARE IN HIDING--UNTIL
THEY HEAR HOW YOU
ARE DISPOSED
TOWARD THEM.

I KNOW
THAT VOICE.
HELAINÉ.
SISTER...

COME
CLOSER.



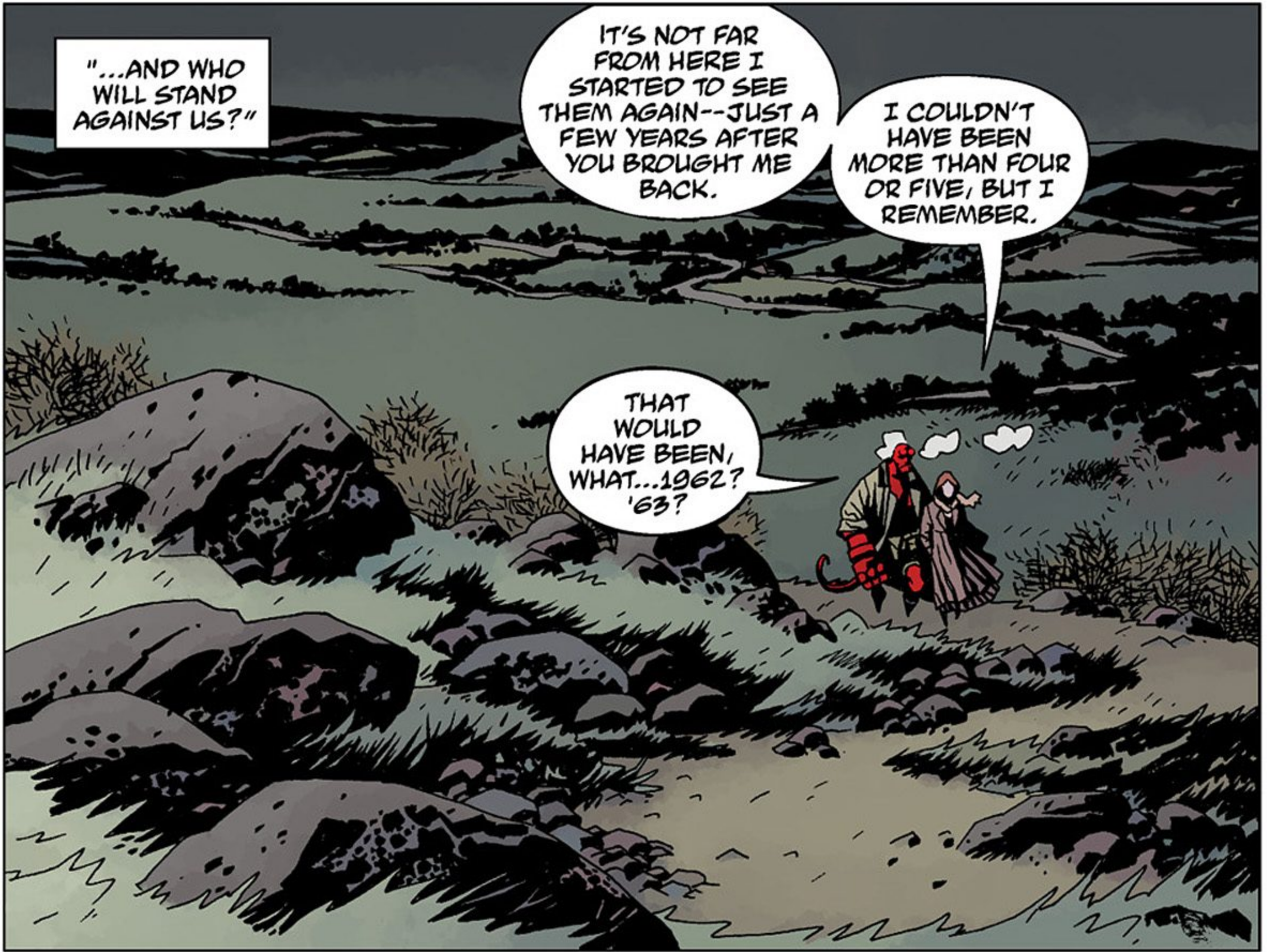








I WANT
TEETH THAT
HAVE GNAWED
DRY BONES WHILE
DREAMING OF
BLOOD. GIVE ME
AN ARMY LIKE
THAT...



"...AND WHO
WILL STAND
AGAINST US?"

IT'S NOT FAR
FROM HERE I
STARTED TO SEE
THEM AGAIN--JUST A
FEW YEARS AFTER
YOU BROUGHT ME
BACK.

I COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
MORE THAN FOUR
OR FIVE, BUT I
REMEMBER.

THAT
WOULD
HAVE BEEN,
WHAT...1962?
'63?



YOU'RE GOING
TO TELL ME I
DON'T LOOK
MY AGE?

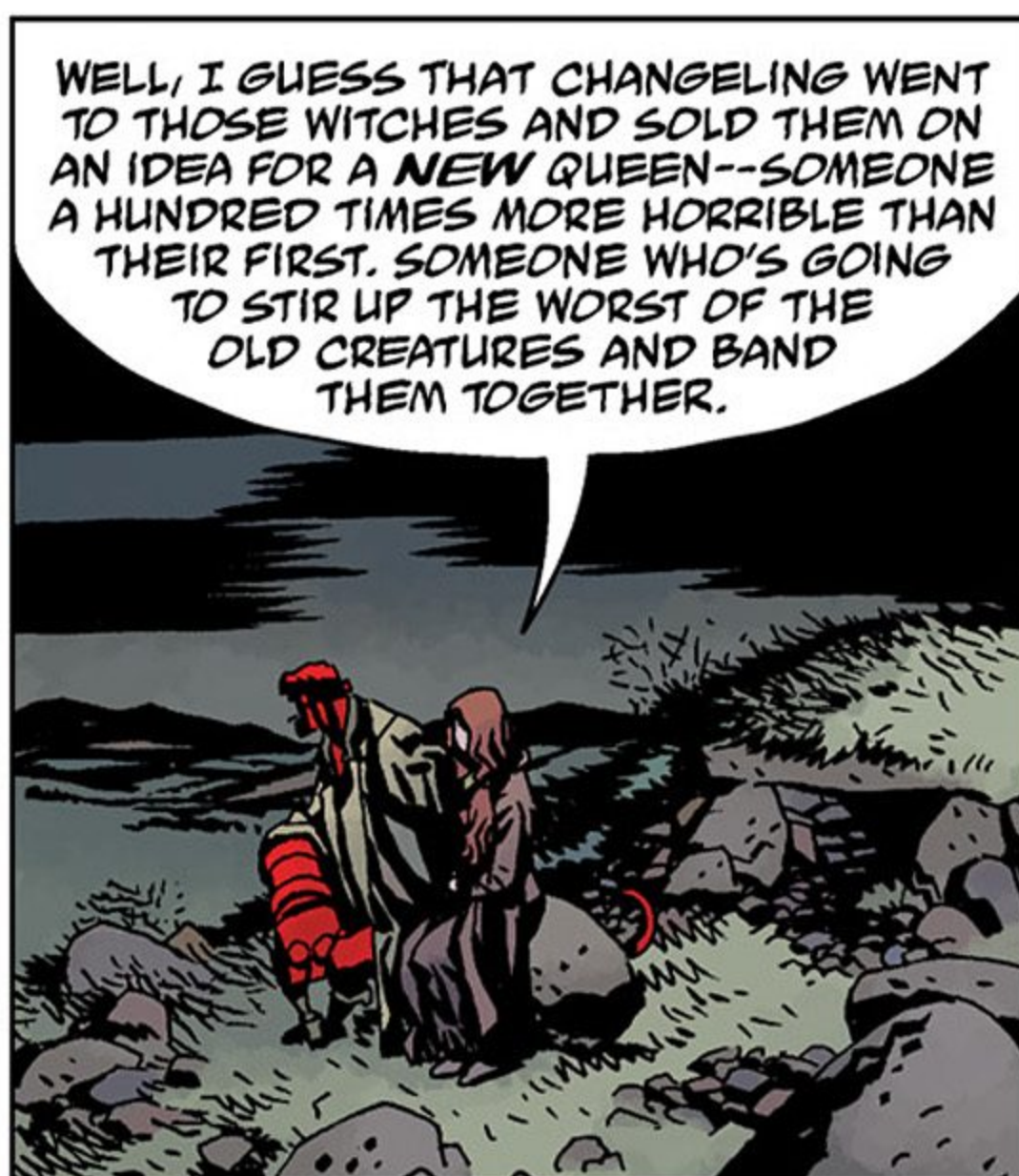
WELL...

YOU'RE
A SMOOTH
ONE.



THE LITTLE
PEOPLE DID
ME SOME
GOOD.







I THINK THAT MUST BE THE CURSE
OF YOUR LIFE--THAT THE RUIN OF
THINGS WILL COME FROM YOUR
GOOD WORKS.



QUEEN
MAB.



IT'S A LONG
TIME SINCE I
WAS QUEEN OF
ANYTHING.

I'LL
LEAVE YOU
TWO TO--



NO.



GIRL, IF
YOU DO FEEL
YOU'RE A PART
OF THIS, THEN YOU
STAY AND HEAR
EVERYTHING.



EVERYTHING THE GIRL TOLD YOU
IS TRUE. THIS NEW QUEEN--ONCE A
WITCH HERSELF, BUT NOW SOMETHING
ELSE--SHE WANTS A WAR, BUT IT'S
A WAR WITH NO VICTORY.

SHE
ONLY CARES
FOR THE SPILLING
OF BLOOD. ALL
BLOOD.



IT
ISN'T FAIR
TO BLAME YOU
FOR THIS. I
KNOW YOUR
HEART...

"...BUT I
ALSO KNOW
YOUR
BLOOD.

"I KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOU IN
THE SEA, AND I KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED ON
THAT ISLAND--

"YOU DIED
THERE.*

"AND A DEAD MAN
TOOK YOUR BLOOD
TO RESTORE HIMSELF
TO LIFE, TO FASHION
HIMSELF A NEW
BODY FROM IT..."

AND WHAT DID HE
BECOME?

"THE
THING
YOU WERE
MEANT
TO BE."



THE TRUTH
IS THAT YOU
WERE SENT TO
DESTROY THE
WORLD.

I KNOW
YOU DESTROYED
THAT CREATURE. BUT
ALL THOSE MONTHS
IN THAT LITTLE BOAT--
WASN'T HE WITH YOU
THERE, EVERY
DAY?



JUST
AS HE HAS
BEEN WITH YOU
EVERY DAY
SINCE.

DRINK, HIDE
WITH GHOSTS IN
THEIR HOUSES, BUT
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE
HIM--ANY MORE THAN
YOU CAN ESCAPE
YOUR OWN SHADOW.







